

CONGRESS TO KEEP DEMOCRATIC REGIME

"War Session" to Be Controlled By Administration When It Convenes Tomorrow.

The "war session" of the Sixty-fifth Congress will convene at noon tomorrow and all signs today forecast Democratic control of both branches.

The indications are the Democrats will organize the House within three hours. Disorder in the Republican caucus late yesterday afternoon and the illness of two Republican members augur for Democratic success in the organization. Speaker Clark's friends confidently claim he will have a majority of five, if not eight, on the first ballot.

It is probable that by midafternoon the House will have organized and both bodies will be ready to receive the war message of the President. It is not expected the President will come to the Capitol before Tuesday.

Congress Ready to Act.

The sentiment of Congress is in harmony with that of the country. Practically anything asked by the President, even an outright declaration of war, will be granted by the legislative branch of the Government. A majority of Congressmen want to adopt a resolution that "a state of war exists" rather than "a state of war is declared" by the President. It is the desire of the Administration will control action.

It is generally realized the President is in possession of more information about international affairs than Congress can have. Interest in the organization fight in the House waned today because of the evident hopefulness of the Republican situation. Two Republicans—Gardner of Massachusetts and Gray of New Jersey—bolted the party caucus, or conference, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Opposition to Mann as the candidate for Speaker and the failure of the Gardner resolution, declaring that the conference action should not be binding, caused the bolt.

Congressman Dallinger of Massachusetts also walked out, but returned later. It was understood among Dallinger's colleagues that he opposed Mann.

Longworth Declares Purpose. Party peace-makers tried in vain to persuade Gardner to stick by the party guns. They argued that the Republican gathering was not a caucus, but a conference, and was not binding. Gardner, however, wanted a resolution expressly stating that members were not bound by the conference action, and when this resolution was tabled he stalked out. He is expected to vote for Lenroot for Speaker.

Afterward, Mr. Longworth, a regular Republican, offered a resolution that the conference action should be binding. At Longworth's own request this resolution was voted down. It was offered merely to offset the Gardner resolution, and when its action was declined to vote either its action was binding or not binding.

After the bolt by Gardner and Gray the caucus unanimously nominated Mann as the Republican candidate for Speaker. A few Republicans did not vote, but there were no negative votes. Nominees for House officers—the clerk, sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper and postmaster—were next named.

Page For Clerkship.

Tyler Page, long a minority attaché of the House, was nominated for the clerkship. Bert W. Kennedy, for more than twenty-five years an assistant doorkeeper and general utility employee, got the nomination for the doorkeeper. Joseph Rogers, also an employee of the Republican minority, was nominated for sergeant-at-arms, and Laurence Lyons, of Indiana, was nominated for postmaster.

Congressman Hamilton of New York was reappointed Republican whip. His assistants will be Congressman Farr of Pennsylvania, Nichols of Michigan, and McArthur of Oregon.

The Progressive wing of the party received its quota in the adoption of a resolution for the appointment of a "committee on committees." Such action takes from the Republican Speaker, or minority leader, as the case may be, the power to make committee assignments.

Progressives Are Satisfied.

Necessarily, the "committee on committees" includes more regulars than Progressives, but recognition of the principles of abatement of one-man domination satisfied the Progressives, and no candidate for Speaker was put up against Mr. Mann. The "committee on committees" will name an advisory or steering committee of five members.

Should the Republicans control the House, Congressman Lenroot, Wisconsin Progressive, is slated for the floor leadership.

None of the "independent group of five" attended the Republican conference, nor did any one of them attend the preceding Democratic caucus.

With Gardner, Gray, and Dallinger off the reservation, the maximum number of regular Republican votes that Mr. Mann can muster will be 209. Congressmen Helgeson of North Dakota and Capetick of New Jersey are ill, and this circumstance reduced the Republican strength to 212 before the insurgent bolt in caucus. A Congressman Schall of Minnesota, Progressive, is expected to vote with the Republicans, who possibly will

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land Fuller of Massachusetts and Martin of Louisiana, but this puts the G. O. P. nowhere near control. Speaker Clark has 214 votes to start and London of New York and Randall of California, independents, are labeled as certain Democrats, with Fuller and Martin apt to climb onto the bandwagon as it passes their seats.

His Vote Indicted. Congressman Bleakley, Republican, of Pennsylvania, under indictment because he spent lavishly during his campaign, probably will not vote tomorrow. It is understood Mr. Bleakley will not come to Washington for the organization fight. This looks another vote from the Republican total.

There have been rumors that three or four Republicans might vote for Clark on patriotic grounds. No names, however, are obtainable, and the Democrats, sure of victory, have ceased to do missionary work. It looks like Democratic organization on the first ballot. Later some trouble may be caused by committee assignments, but tomorrow's program appears clear cut.

As soon as the House organizes, a joint committee will wait upon the President and inform him the Senate and House are ready to receive communications he may desire to make. Plans for the joint session to hear the "war message" then will be made. Senator-elect Hiram Johnson, who was not here when the Senate convened early in March, will take the oath of office tomorrow. This will be a Senate event of interest, while the entry of Miss Jeannette Rankin in the House will furnish one of the frills in the lower body.

EASTER SHOPPING EARLY

Another Busy Week Ahead of Department Stores.

Washington is doing its Easter shopping early. Retail Merchants' Association officials today announced that the Easter rush has been greater last week than at any previous pre-Easter season, and an extremely busy week is looked for during the coming six days previous to the great feast.

"Washington will rival any city in the world as a fashion center next Sunday," Secretary Charles J. Columbus asserted today. "Washington merchants have reported that every line of apparel has met a ready sale during the last ten days, and Easter splendor will be the result next Sunday."

PACIFISTS BARRED.

CLEVELAND, April 1.—Socialists who had planned a mammoth peace meeting in Gray armory were denied the use of the hall at the last hour. Captain Shupe of the Cleveland Grays, a military organization, learned that the Socialists had been holding a series of smaller peace meetings in the armory. He immediately informed them that henceforth they were barred from the building.

T. R. DEMANDS WAR.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Colonel Roosevelt leads the list of signers to a resolution demanding that Congress immediately declare war on Germany, the American Defense Society, which is circulating the resolution, announces. Some of the other prominent persons signing are Rex Beach, Emerson Hough, Channing Pollock, Reginald Wright Kauffman, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Lyman Abbott, and Prof. Brander Matthews.

SIGN PLEDGE TODAY; TIME IS OPPORTUNE

Girl Scouts Try to Enroll All Before Congress Convenes.

What about your loyalty pledge? Have you signed it yet? Today patriotic zeal and fervor found expression in hundreds of signatures forwarded to The Times by citizens of the District, pledging their support to President Wilson and the Government in the current crisis.

Pupils of Western High School sent their signatures to The Times as standing four-square behind President Wilson in anything he decides upon to prevent infringement of American rights. Four hundred Girl Scouts are canvassing the city with Times pledges, asking citizens to set down their names as evidence of a united "citizens' front."

Seek Fifty Thousand Names.

The scouts will probably call upon you today in case they have been unable to reach you so far. They will make an effort to obtain the signatures of fifty thousand Capital residents by tomorrow night, having already secured more than half this number in a day's campaign.

Their supply of signatures has been exhausted, the scouts procured a new supply and will start out tomorrow to fill the blanks with the names of citizens in every walk of life and representing every calling.

Edmund M. Sullivan, the Georgetown public school lad, who rose into prominence last week by securing thousands of signatures by his own efforts, will be at the Union Station tomorrow to get the names of arrivals who are ready and willing to announce their support of the President in any move that may be taken.

Today Is Great Opportunity.

Today is the opportune time to sign the pledge of loyalty. Congress meets tomorrow in extraordinary session to listen to a war message from President Wilson. The vote to follow this message will determine the course to be followed by the country.

President Wilson, as well as other administration officials, will find consolation in the thought that they are proceeding with the unqualified endorsement of the citizens. Sign your pledge today and send it to The Times.

It will be placed in the hands of the President of the United States.

GREAT RALLY IN DENVER.

DENVER, April 1.—Swept by the highest tide of patriotism that has ever visited the West, thousands of Americans stood and cheered until they were hoarse, and speaker after speaker, led by Governor Gunter, pledged the support of the West to the President and Congress in the national crisis, at the Auditorium.

"I deserve no credit for saluting the American flag and pledging my heart, head, and hands to it," declared the governor. "Any other course would be disloyal. I want no war. But if war must come, to preserve our honor, then it is my war."

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STRIKE ACTIVITIES WILL BE OUTLINED

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A secret meeting of street railway strikers and other unionists will be held this afternoon in the National Rifles Armory to outline plans for strike activities this week, the fourth of the struggle between the union men and the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

Strike leaders plan to concentrate efforts on Congress and to arouse sentiment in proposed legislation for municipal ownership of railways of the District. Practically all labor union were represented last night at a meeting in Painters' Hall, Sixth and G streets northwest.

A committee will meet the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor tomorrow to formulate a legislative program. A joint committee will visit Congress during the week and there will be lobbying by individuals.

It was estimated that the proceeds from the selling of tags Friday and yesterday will amount to more than \$10,000. Receipt of a check for \$400 from Columbia Lodge 174, International Association of Machinists, and a check for \$200 from George D. Horning, was acknowledged today by Garth Calderhead, financial secretary of the car men's union.

The assertion was made today by Washington Railway and Electric Company officials that normal schedules are being maintained on practically all lines. They said the service on the Mt. Pleasant, Georgetown, and H street lines has been regular for two days.

Labor heads dispute these contentions. They say cars are run irregularly by inexperienced men, and the service is uncertain.

Union heads say there have been no desertions in the last few days.

COLORS DISPLAY RIVALS INAUGURAL

Business Buildings, Homes, and Vehicles Are Profusely Decorated.

Rivaling the display of colors during inaugural week, Washington today unfurled thousands of American flags to greet the war Congress which meets in extraordinary session tomorrow.

From the flag staffs of Government buildings the Stars and Stripes swing to the breeze, and from the windows of countless stores in the business district large flags are majestically floating.

The response to the request of The Times and civic organizations "to show your colors" is even more general in the residence district. From the flag staffs of large apartment houses in the Northwest section, the national emblem proclaims the patriotism of the occupants of the buildings, and over the doors of some of the humblest homes in other sections of the city, the colors are in the breeze.

Owners of automobiles and other vehicles have enthusiastically entered into the plan to patriotically greet Congress, and small flags are flowing from the front and rear of many machines, buggies, and delivery wagons. An increased number of Washingtonians also today placed in the laps of their coats small American flags in bows or buttons adorned with the national colors.

The ready response of citizens to the appeal to fly the national colors was acknowledged today by Presidents E. C. Brandenburg, A. Leitch Sinclair, and R. P. Andrews, of the Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce, and Retail Merchants' Association, respectively, who joined in the issuance of the appeal.

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1 Chiffonier, to match	75.00	60.00
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